



Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2019
Judge Menahan's Court Room, Courthouse Building
12:00 p.m.

Mission: The CJCC exists to promote the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County, the efficient and just treatment of defendants and offenders, the protection and healing of victims, and to work toward prevention of crime and the reduction of recidivism.

1. Call to Order & Reading of the Mission

Judge Mike Menahan called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Members present: Judge Mike Menahan, Commissioner Susan Good Geise, Steve Hagen, Judge Anne Peterson, Suzanne Seburn, Sheriff Leo Dutton and Amanda Opitz for Ana Cortez.

Members excused: Christin Thennis, Mayor James Schell, Jenny Eck, and Leo Gallagher.

Members absent: Justice Michael Swingley and Sharon Tregidga.

Others in attendance included: Captain Alan Hughes, Judge Kathy Seeley, Judge Jim Reynolds, Stephanie Ballenger-Brooks, Marshall Gingery, Tom Cordingley, and Roger Baltz.

Staff in attendance: Kellie McBride and Gloria Soja.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the April 24, 2019, and May 31, 2019 meetings were approved.

3. Legislative Update – Leo Gallagher

Leo Gallagher was not available. Item was tabled to July 2019.

4. Correctional Mental Health Conference – Kellie McBride

Kellie McBride informed the Council that Leo Gallagher, Criminal Justice Services, State AMDD, Western, and Sheriff's office had committed to sending people to this conference. The team will meet on July 10, 2019, and again after the conference.

5. Housing is Healthcare FUSE Planning Project – Michael O'Neil

Kellie McBride stated that data collection for the Frequent Users System Engagement (FUSE) planning project has begun. Commissioner Susan Good Geise stated that at a transportation committee meeting the number of homeless students was discussed; bus drivers are often informed by families where they will be staying next.

6. NNCJCC Annual Conference – Kellie McBride and Suzanne Seburn

Kellie McBride and Suzanne Seburn presented information from the NNCJCC conference that they had attended. They requested that the CJCC consider several items as the Council moves forward:

Meeting structure: Quarterly meetings for the CJCC with workgroups meeting monthly, always having at least one action item on the agenda, and having a CJCC member as the chair of any subcommittees or workgroups.

Membership: Current membership does not include a victim's representative or any individuals with lived experience in the criminal justice system.

Duties of Members: The CJS director reports to the CJCC and the CJCC could have input on evaluation of CJS.

Ms. McBride and Ms. Seburn reported that there was a presentation on Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD), which is not currently in Montana yet. LEAD is officer led diversion involving training officers to offer behavioral health services as incentive to avoid arrest or jail. The Council discussed how this may or may not work in Montana.

Commissioner Susan Good Geise made a motion that Chief Steve Hagen chair a work group to research LEAD. Chief Steve Hagen seconded. Motion carried.

7. Pretrial Service Overview – Kellie McBride

Tabled to a later meeting due to time constraints.

8. Dashboard Update on Criminal Justice Services – Kellie McBride

Kellie McBride informed the Council that the SOPs had been e-mailed out and would be presented to the County Commissioners on July 2, 2019.

Ms. McBride shared with the Council that CJS staff member Jocelyn Olsen had been registered for the POST Certified Probation and Parole Academy at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy since November 2018, and that she had recently received notice from the Department of Corrections stating that this academy would be closed to anyone not employed by the DOC. Sheriff Leo Dutton stated that he was on the POST Council and the Administrative Rules Committee, and that they had an advisory opinion from the Attorney General's office stating that alternative training could be provided. Sheriff Dutton stated that POST had a curriculum that was being reviewed. Kellie McBride requested to be part of that discussion.

9. Citizens Advisory Council – Tom Cordingley

Tom Cordingley reported that the Stepping Up Task force had met twice, the Governance Task Force had met and reviewed the CAC bylaws, and the CAC was reviewing membership to be more inclusive.

Judge Menahan shared his perspective that Pretrial Services has been successful in helping to reduce jail population, and that individuals on supervision with the Department of Corrections take up the majority of beds in most of Montana's jails. Judge Menahan suggested that the CAC begin to look at ways to address this, including participating in the Legislative Interim Law and Justice Committee, as this was part of the CAC's main strategic plan.

Marshall Gingery expressed concern that the core areas of focus originally presented by the CAC were being overlooked, especially mental health. Sheriff Leo Dutton reminded the Council that what was sold to the public included mental health services at the jail which

would be in place once the jail was remodeled. Kellie McBride gave an overview of all of the work being done by the Criminal Justice Services department in the areas of mental health and behavioral health, including: providing for a therapist and case manager at the jail, working on a new post-conviction supervision program for individuals with serious disabling mental illness, the MAT planning initiative for substance use disorders, and research on validated screening tools.

10. Public Comment

Roger Baltz informed the Council that the time table for the jail remodel was 12-14 months with a finalized budget of \$8.4 million.

11. Next Meeting: July 24, 2019

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Minutes approved on July 24, 2019